

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Wells Hydroelectric Project

Project No. 2149-152

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR THE WELLS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT AND INTENTION TO
HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS

(April 6, 2011)

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)(18 CFR Part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897]), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Wells Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2149), located on the Columbia River in Douglas, Okanogan, and Chelan counties, Washington, and has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project. The project occupies 8.60 acres of U.S. Bureau of Land Management land and 6.55 acres of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land.

The draft EIS contains staff's analysis of the applicant's proposal and the alternatives for relicensing the Wells Project. The draft EIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

A copy of the draft EIS is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

All comments must be filed by **Tuesday, May 31, 2011**, and should reference Project No. 2149-152. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment." For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and

seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426.

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS (18 CFR 380.10). You must file your request to intervene as specified above.¹ You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, you are invited to attend a public meeting that will be held to receive comments on the draft EIS. The time and location of the meeting is as follows:

Evening Meeting

DATE: May 12, 2011
TIME: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
PLACE: Douglas PUD Auditorium
ADDRESS: 1151 Valley Mall Parkway
East Wenatchee, WA

Morning Meeting

DATE: May 13, 2011
TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
PLACE: Douglas PUD Auditorium
ADDRESS: 1151 Valley Mall Parkway
East Wenatchee, WA

At these meetings, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the draft EIS. The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (verbal and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. This meeting is posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

For further information, please contact Kim A. Nguyen at (202) 502-6105 or at kim.nguyen@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.